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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

This paper is submitted in response to the pending Office action, mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 7, 2005. Applicants also submit herewith a petition for a one-month extension of time, up to and including October 7, 2005, and a check for the appropriate fee. Applicants believe that no additional fee is due for this Amendment and Response to be considered. However, please consider this a conditional authorization to charge any additional fees necessary for entry of this paper to Deposit Account No. 07-1700.

Please make the following amendments, without prejudice, and consider the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Applicants' **Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.